



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

Grace Church Mission

Out of love for Jesus and people, our mission is to make mature disciples of Jesus Christ in ever-increasing numbers

Introduction: In this passage Jesus commissions his disciples to carry forth his mission throughout the world. Jesus instructs them to *make disciples*: baptizing them and teaching them. This commission is for every generation of the church - to gather and build up disciples of Jesus Christ. Confidence for our mission is rooted in the certainty of Christ's authority and the promise of his spiritual presence.



Into the Word

At the heart of Jesus' commission is the single command to "make disciples" (v. 19)

Read Luke 6:40. What is a disciple?

Resource: 4 Marks of Biblical Discipleship

In verses 19-20 Jesus describes disciple making as "baptizing" and "teaching". Why is baptism necessary to being a disciple of Jesus? How does remembering our baptism help us grow as Jesus' disciples?

Note: Baptism is a sign given by Christ to represent and seal our union with him through faith.

Resource: The Necessity of Baptism

Consider verse 20. According to Jesus how do we grow as his disciples?

Compare: John 15:4-5



Into the Heart

Jesus teaches that our primary identity is as his disciple (cf. Luke 14:26) What other identities compete for primacy in our hearts? How does this competition express itself our lives?

How will prioritizing being a disciple of Jesus change how we approach various aspects of our lives? (e.g. family, church, career, neighboring, politics, ethics, etc.)



Into the World

Jesus calls us to make disciples "as we are going" (v. 19). Where has God uniquely placed you to make disciples? What challenges do you face in making disciples?

Resource: Share Your House Key to Win Your Neighbors

How does the certainty Jesus' authority (v. 16) and the promise of his presence (v. 20) help us face and overcome these challenges?